

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR:

Method And Apparatus For  
Software Features  
Synchronization Between  
Software Systems

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Prior to the first line of the Specification

Please create a section: "Cross-Reference To Related  
Applications" and enter the following amendment

thereunder: "This application is a continuation of  
Application Serial No. 08/813,744, filed March 7, 1997."

Page 1, lines 25-31,

delete the paragraph: "The IOU is a logical component  
.... (e.g., OS software and SPP microcode)."

Page 12, line 24,

after "BITS\_PER\_SYSTEM\_WORD" and before the period insert  
"and Bit# ranges from 1 to (B - 1)".

Page 12, line 33,

delete " $22 \text{ MOD } (8 - 1) = (22 \text{ MOD } 7) = 1$ " and substitute  
" $22 - ((8 - 1) \times (4 - 1)) = 22 - (7 \times 3) = 1$ ".

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-24 and substitute the following claims

25-54:

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